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I am a college student at a Major four year university located in Utah. This semester I get to take Econ 1500 as one of my general education credits for my major. At first I thought I was really going to hate this class, but as I read the first three chapters I noticed that I have become very interested. Part of this interest is the fact that in my class, the company Microsoft has already been mentioned at least 10 times. If you are wondering why read on.

We have learned the basics so far. The U.S. is using some sort of a Free Market Economy system. The Free Market System is usually efficient, blah blah blah. If you work for the DOJ you should understand all of this. Anyways the part where it actually gets interesting is where it talks about Market FAILURE. "The second case where the market has a failure is when there is a Market Power" (Quoted from Principles of Macroeconomics, Second Edition, N. Gregory Mankiw). The best part of the above quote is the fact that is in the very first chapter of the book. The book goes on to say that a Market Power can also be called a monopoly. Anyone that has ever heard of Microsoft has probably also heard the word monopoly. Now we are getting somewhere - Right???

The next day in class we go over what we have read. My professor explains that it is the government's job to correct market failure. By the way the word government in the above sentence is referring to you. Someone asks if that is what is currently happening with Microsoft. My professor gives out a huge laugh. "Well...it is supposed to be what is happening, but the government isn't really doing its job in that area." That quote was from my professor. So to say the least I am kind of disappointed. My professor also explained that the government should punish Microsoft. As I thought about that last sentence I decided that the key word was punish. Punish means making something worth not doing again.

As I understand the case so far Microsoft has been proven guilty of anti-trust acts. If so then it is your job to punish Microsoft. As from what I have heard so far you really haven't proposed anything that will punish Microsoft. A three person panel who can look into Microsoft from time to time is a complete joke. That is like paying a babysitter to watch your safe. The babysitter can't see what is in the safe they just get to watch it from the outside. Common, it is your JOB to punish Microsoft. So don't be afraid of the corporation, no matter how much money they have. You are above that. Look down into your ethical self, find a punishment suited to Microsoft that will make them think a hundred times before they try something like that again.

There is also one last thing that I would like to point out. By failing in this endeavor you risk the future of many businesses that don't even exist yet. If a new company were to create a product superior to something Microsoft created. They would probably be pushed out in some sort of anti-trust way, unless you punish Microsoft and they remember the last time they messed with the DOJ and aren't willing to go there again.

Hopefully my email hasn't fallen on deaf ears.

I pray that you do your job and correct the market failure so that we can go on with an even more efficient market.

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